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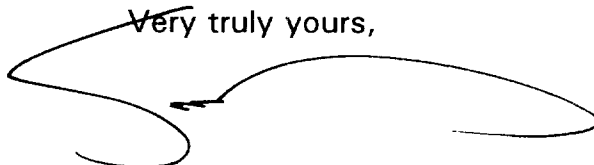
Re: *Docket to Determine the Compliance of BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc.'s Operations Support Systems with State
and Federal Regulations*
Docket No. 01-00362

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is to notify the Authority that BellSouth witness Ronald Pate, who is a senior officer in the Navy Reserves, has been requested by the Navy to attend a meeting in Norfolk, VA on Friday, December 7. Mr. Pate will testify for BellSouth during the early part of the week of December 3. BellSouth understands that the Authority wishes to have all witnesses present during the entirety of the hearings, but respectfully requests that Mr. Pate be given leave to depart Nashville Thursday afternoon in order to attend the meeting in Norfolk with the Navy. There is a possibility that this meeting will not take place and that this request will become unnecessary. However, the best information we have now is that Mr. Pate will receive military orders from the Navy directing him to attend the meeting in Norfolk for two days starting on December 7.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. A copy of this letter has been provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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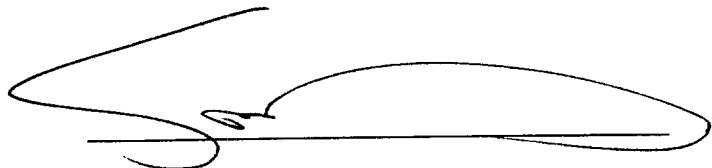
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